WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature notes with commendation and esteem the distinguished service rendered to the Guntersville City Schools by Dr. Brandon Sparkman as superintendent of the system for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hartselle, Alabama, and a United States Army veteran, Brandon Sparkman holds the B.S. degree from the University of North Alabama, M.A. and Ed.S. degrees from the University of Alabama, and the Ed.D. degree from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sparkman, who will continue in service until June 1988, served variously as coach, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent in Marion County, Tuscaloosa, Tuscumbia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Hartselle before moving to Guntersville in his current capacity; and

WHEREAS, indicative of Dr. Sparkman's successful leadership and significant contributions to education and to the Guntersville Schools is his recent selection as Alabama Superintendent of the Year, an honor bestowed by the Alabama Council of School Administration and Supervision (ACSAS), based on such criteria as leadership, communications skills, professionalism and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sparkman has further provided outstanding leadership to other school systems throughout Alabama, most particularly in the area of curriculum development, and has also assumed a number of civic and community responsibilities in the Guntersville Area through activities and in influential capacities with such organizations as the Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, United Way and the First Methodist Church; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend Brandon Sparkman of Guntersville, Alabama, for outstanding achievement and service in the educational field, to the Guntersville City Schools and to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Sparkman that he may know of our sincere praise and regard, and of our warm best wishes for continuing success in all future endeavors.

Approved April 4, 1988

Time: 4:46 P.M.